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The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are available in the prior application (Serial Number 10/168,975, filed August 13, 2002), where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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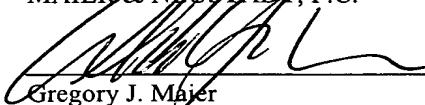
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